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Redevelopment Board Minutes 01-10-2000

Members Present:

John FitzMaurice

Roland Chaput

Nora Mann

Barry Faulkner

Ed Tsoi

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Dir., Planning & Community Dev.
Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir., Planning & Community Dev.

8:00 p.m. The Arlington Redevelopment Board convened in the auditorium of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to continue an Environmental Design Review Hearing on the petition of Sunrise Development, 1395 Massachusetts Avenue, Docket Number 3110.

Mr. FitzMaurice opened the continued hearing. Mr. Brian Levey, Counsel for the petitioner, indicated that Mr. DiMella and Mr. Noone would respond to questions that had been raised at the earlier public hearings.

Mr. Frank DiMella indicated what had been done to reduce the height of the building by approximately three feet. He also showed the shadow analysis for the worst months of the year, indicating that the shadows did not impact the living space at any of the properties on Reservoir Street.

Mr. Noone indicated that the site plan had to be modified, and the entrance to the parking lot for the thirty five business spaces would have to be moved to Massachusetts Avenue because the MBTA does not want a joint entrance.

Mr. McClennen reviewed the parking survey that had been undertaken by the staff relating to Arlington Heights, also reported on letters that had been received since the earlier public hearing.

The Board members had numerous questions of the architect, attorney, and counsel.

9:40 p.m. – After hearing comments and questions from the floor, the Board reviewed the petition.

10:20 p.m. - Following extensive review of the petition, at 10:20 p.m., it was moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Ed Tsoi, that the respective special permits be granted subject to conditions; unanimous vote in favor.

10:25 p.m. – Director's Report:

Status Report: The Director summarized matters relating to Reed's Brook and the proposed amendment to the Metcalf & Eddy contract for Reed's Brook: Motion: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Nora Mann, that the amendment be approved; unanimous vote in favor. The Board also extended special thanks to Kevin O'Brien for his perseverance on this project.

Thirty Water Street: Mr. McClennen briefed the Board on the status of 30 Water Street. Nora Mann indicated that this subject had been reviewed by the Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Task Force wanted the Fleet Bank to look at a private/public partnership.

The Board reviewed the request from George Foote, Attorney at Law representing Michael Collins, in which he requested a ninety day extension of the special permit to allow the sale of the property and the acquisition of the

appropriate building permits. Motion: Moved by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that the expiration date of the special permit be extended ninety days; unanimous vote in favor.

The Board agreed that they would like to meet with Mr. Kalauskas on the twenty fourth to review the status of traffic on 30 Water Street.

Minutes to be approved: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mr. Chaput, that the minutes of November 1, 1999, be approved; unanimous vote in favor.

11:10 p.m. – Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mr. Chaput, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.